(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH):

A statement giving details in annexed *(See* below).

Yes, Sir.

and (d) No specific time frame can be given at this early stage of examination of proposals.

Statement

New National Highways in Bihar

S. No.	NH No.	Route	Total Length	Total Length passing through the State of Bihar
1.	5 7	Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Forbesganj	310 Kms.	310 Kms.
2.	80	Mokama-Munger-Bhagalpur-Sahebganj-Rajmahal-Farakka	310 Kms.	300 Kms.
3.	77	Hajipur-Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa	142 Kms.	142 Kms.
4.	78	Katni-Shahdol-Nagar-Ambikapur-Jashpurnagar-Gumla	559 Kms.	25 Kms.
5.	30A	Phatuha-Chandi-Harnaut-Saksohara-Barh	65 Kms.	65 Kms.
6.	83	Patna-Punpun-Gaya-Dobhi	130 Kms.	130 Kms.
7.	85	Chapra-Siwan-Gopalganj	95 Kms.	95 Kms.
8.	82	Gaya-Rajgir-Bihar Sharif-Mokama	130 Kms.	130 Kms.
9.	84	Arrah-Buxar	60 Kms.	60 Kms.
10.	81	Korha-Katihar-Malda Rd.	100 Kms.	45 Kms.
		Total		1302 Kms.

Return of Kohinoor Diamond from Britain

*40. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested the British Government for the return of the World famous Kohinoor Diamond;

(b) whether it is a fact that the British Government is entertaining a doubt on the ownership of the diamond; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to ensure the *return* of the Kohinoor, which rightfully belongs to India?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) As per the information provided by the Ministry of External Affairs, the Culture, Media and Sports Committee of British House of Commons, which is chaired by Gerald Kaufman is presently conducting an enquiry entitled Property: Return and Illicit Trade". The objective of the enquiry is to make recommendations with regard to issues relating to claims for return of cultural properties, which were historically removed and policies of museums on such claims including solutions other than *return.* The Committee is not, however, expected to make any recommendations on individual claims.

The Indian High Commission in London discussed the matter with Kaufman Committee.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Funds for Guwahati Airport

156. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 128 crores earmarked to upgrade the Guwahati Airport as a hub centre for North-East as well as International Airport envisaged in PM's new initiatives for NER 1996;

(b) if so, the amount actually disbursed and achievements made *so* far;

(c) the target set for completion of the above;

(d) the number of smaller aircrafts proposed to be purchased and stationed at Guwahati airport to connect the various towns of NER; and

(e) the date by which Guwahati Airport will be operational as regional hub and International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However a sum of Rs. 70 crores has been allocated in the Ninth five Year Plan for upgradation of Guwahati airport. Airports Authority of India